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REPORTED RIOTING IN BANGHAZI

1. APPRECIATE TIMELY INFORMATION [] WHICH [] IS
ATTEMPTING TO CONFIRM THROUGH OTHER SOURCES.

2. OF INTEREST, BUT NOT NECESSARILY RELATED, []
REPORTED DURING RECENT DEBRIEFINGS THAT ESO COLLEAGUES HAVE
HINTED THAT THERE MAY HAVE BEEN MOVEMENT TOWARD A MILITARY COUP
AGAINST QADHAFI IN MID-DECEMBER BEFORE BOMBING SCARE BY US WAS
EXPLOITED BY QADHAFI TO CLOSE LIBYAN RANKS BEHIND HIM. LPB ESO
REPRESENTATIVE TO MALTA, MUHAMMAD AL-((LAFI)) HAD APPROACHED
P/1 AS A FELLOW ESO OFFICER WITH PRIVATE ADVICE THAT P/1 SHOULD
GO OUT OF HIS WAY TO PORTRAY HIMSELF AS A "NICE GUY" IN FUTURE
DEALINGS WITH PRIVATE LIBYANS. LAFI WENT ON TO WARN THAT
UNIDENTIFIED FRIENDS OF HIS AT TRIPOLI ESO HQS HAD PICKED UP
REPORTS OF A PLANNED LIBYAN ARMED FORCES COUP AND THAT ESO AND
REVCOM MEMBERS TOO CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE CURRENT REGIME
WOULD BE SUBJECT OF REPRISALS. P/1 THEN REFERRED TO SEVERAL
VAGUELY SOURCED REPORTS OF CRACKDOWNS AGAINST MUSLIM
BROTHERHOOD AND ISLAMIC TENDANCY MOVEMENT MEMBERS IN LIBYA.

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